Approach papers for Eleventh Five Year Plan

†1082. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that November, 2005 was fixed as target to prepare 'approach paper' for Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the present status thereof; and

(c) the details of reasons for not preparing it within the stipulated time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) In the 51st Meeting of the National Development Council (NDC) held on 27th and 28th June, 2005, the Planning Commission was directed to begin work on the Approach Paper to the Eleventh Five Year Plan with a view to submit it for National Development Council's approval by the end of December, 2005. The background work and the consultation process for preparing the Approach Paper has taken longer than anticipated resulting in delay in its completion.

Scheme for development of backward areas

1083. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the scheme being run by Government for development of backward areas;

(b) the details of the backward areas developed during the last two years;

(c) whether the said scheme of Government have failed completely;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by Government in this regard?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.